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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJ: FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. DURING CALL ON SEPARATE MATTER NOV 13, SOVIET EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR GROMYKO INFORMED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE THAT SOVIET EMBASSY HAD DECIDED TO HOST RECEPTION NOV 21 (NOV 16 HAD NOT BEEN FEASIBLE) TO MARK FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF US-SOVIET DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. GROMYKO SAID SOVIETS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF INVITING 40-50 PERSONS AND WISHED TO INCLUDE COLLEAGUES FROM STATE DEPARTMENT, FORMER AMBASSADORS TO MOSCOW (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED HARRIMAN, KENNAN, BEAM, AND KOHLER), AND OTHERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT US-SOVIET RELATIONS. INVITATIONS MIGHT ALSO BE EXTENDED TO PEOPLE FROM CONGRESSIONAL FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES.

2. GROMYKO NOTED THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WAS EVIDENTLY GIVING SIMILAR RECEPTION. HE ADDED THAT BASED
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ON INFORMATION FROM MOSCOW, EMBASSY HERE PLANNED TO

INVITE RANKING GUESTS AT DEPUTY MINISTER (UNDER SECRETARY)
LEVEL AND HOPED THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH COULD BE MAIN

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GUEST. UNDER SECRETARIES FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS
MIGHT ALSO BE INVITED.

3. ARMITAGE SAID US SIDE WOULD BE GLAD TO COOPERATE. RUSH

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